

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A fuel supply method for a fuel injection device including a fuel injection unit provided with a plurality of fuel injection members, comprising:

holding the fuel injection unit by a holding unit, and connecting the fuel injection members to the holding unit by a connecting unit;

wherein a fuel is supplied to the fuel injection members through fuel supply passages formed in the holding unit and the connecting-~~and-supplying~~ unit so as to extend from the holding unit through the connecting unit to the fuel injection members, and

wherein the fuel injection members comprise a first fuel injection member and an annular second fuel injection member surrounding the first fuel injection member.

2. (Original) The fuel supply method according to claim 1, wherein portions of the fuel passages formed in the holding unit and portions of the fuel passages formed in the connecting unit are connected in a liquid-tight fashion.

3. (Currently Amended) A fuel supply system for a fuel injection device including a fuel injection unit provided with a plurality of fuel injection members, comprising:

a holding-and-supplying unit configured to hold the fuel injection unit and supply fuel to each of the fuel injection members of the fuel injection unit; and

a connecting-and-supplying unit configured to connect the plurality of fuel injection members to the holding-and-supplying unit,

wherein fuel supply passages are formed in the holding-and-supplying unit and the connecting-and-supplying unit so as to extend from the holding-and-supplying unit through the connecting-and-supplying unit to the fuel injection members, and

wherein the fuel injection members comprise a first fuel injection member and an annular second fuel injection member surrounding the first fuel injection member.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~The A~~ fuel supply system according to claim 3, for a fuel injection device including a fuel injection unit provided with a plurality of fuel injection members, comprising:

a holding-and-supplying unit configured to hold the fuel injection unit and supply fuel to each of the fuel injection members of the fuel injection unit; and

a connecting-and-supplying unit configured to connect the plurality of fuel injection members to the holding-and-supplying unit,

wherein fuel supply passages are formed in the holding-and-supplying unit and the connecting-and-supplying unit so as to extend from the holding-and-supplying unit to the fuel injection member, and

wherein portions of the fuel supply passages formed in the connecting-and-supplying unit are formed so as to overlap each other with respect to a flowing direction of combustion air.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~The A~~ fuel supply system according to claim 3, for a fuel injection device including a fuel injection unit provided with a plurality of fuel injection members, comprising:

a holding-and-supplying unit configured to hold the fuel injection unit and supply fuel to each of the fuel injection members of the fuel injection unit; and

a connecting-and-supplying unit configured to connect the plurality of fuel injection members to the holding-and-supply unit,

wherein fuel supply passages are formed in the holding-and-supplying unit and the connecting-and-supplying unit so as to extend from the holding-and-supplying unit through the connecting-and-supplying unit to the fuel injection members, and

wherein portions of the fuel passages formed in the holding-and-supplying unit and portions of the fuel passages formed in the connecting-and-supplying unit are connected by connecting pieces fitted in the holding-and-supplying unit and the connecting-and-supplying unit in a liquid-tight fashion.

6. (Previously Presented) A fuel injection device comprising the fuel supply system according to claim 3.

7. (Previously Presented) A fuel injection device comprising the fuel supply system according to claim 4.

8. (Previously Presented) A fuel injection device comprising the fuel supply system according to claim 5.

9. (New) The fuel supply method according to claim 1, wherein the fuel injection members further comprise an annular third fuel injection member surrounding the annular second fuel injection member.

10. (New) The fuel supply system according to claim 3, wherein the fuel injection members further comprise an annular third fuel injection member surrounding the annular second fuel injection member.